

REMARKS

Claims 1-17, 19-21 and 46-54 and 70-73 are pending in this application.

Claims 21 and 46-54 are allowed.

Dependent claims 5, 6, 15, and 16 were objected to, but would be allowable if amended to independent form. Applicants have cancelled claim 16 and amended claim 1 to include all of the limitations recited in claim 16. Therefore, independent claim 1 is now allowable.

Claims 7, 10, 13, 14, 17, 19, 20, and 71-73 are currently withdrawn. Of these, Applicants have cancelled claims 71-73. Claims 7, 10, 13, 14, 17, 19 and 20 were drawn to a non-elected species. However, the Examiner acknowledged that claim 1 was generic. Amended and allowable claim 1 remains generic. Therefore, claims 7, 10, 13, 14, 17, 19 and 20 depending from claim 1, should be allowable. Claim 17 has been amended to conform to the amendment of its parent, claim 1. Applicants request that the status of claims 7, 10, 13, 14, 17, 19 and 20 be amended from “withdrawn” to “allowed”.

Claims 2-6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 15 and 70 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for the same reasons that claim 1 is allowable.

In view of the foregoing, the rejections of claims 1-4, 8, 9, 11 12, and 70 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are moot.

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Conclusion

Applicants submit that claims 1-15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 46-54 and 70 are allowable and in a proper condition for allowance. Should any issue remain to be resolved, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned.

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